unearthed during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The manufacture of Drugs without a valid Licence is an offence under Section 18 (c) of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. If any person/company is found manufacturing drug without a licence, action is taken by the State Licensing Authority under the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder. Appropriate action is taken wherever an instance of unlicensed company manufacturing drugs comes to light.

National Award for Women in Public Sector undertakings

4384. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a National Award for Women in public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any criteria has been laid down for selection of women recipients;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have any other programme to encourage women entrepreneurs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d). The Department of Women and Child Development has no proposal to introduce a National Award for Women in Public Sector undertakings.

(e) and (f). The Department of Women & Child Development is implementing a Scheme for setting up of Women's Development Corporations. One of the functions of the Corporations is to develop entrepreneurship amongst women.

The Office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) also conducts training courses for the development of women entrepreneurs, identification of export markets, export procedures, documentation etc. The Small Industry Development Bank of India has introduced "Mahila Udyog Nidhi Scheme" which provides equity assistance to provides machinery to women entrepreneure at concessional rates on hire purchase basis.

Family Planning Award by U.S.A.

4385. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Population Crisis Committee of U.S.A. has awarded first prize to India for spreading the message of family planning among its people since early eighties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to ensure that the tempo of voluntary family planning drive launched in the country remains high in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. DEVI SIDDHARTHA):(a) and (b). As per the Press Report (The Times of India dated 31st January,1992, and Hindustan Times dated 5th